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SUBJECT: PUERTO RICO TRADE MISSION

REF: A) BOGOTA 8693; B) BOGOTA 9665; C) WEINTRAUB-BLASINI

LETTER OF OCTOBER 7

USDOC PASS TO JULIO BLASINI, ASST. SECY FOR FOREIGN TRADE,
DEPT OF COMMERCE OF PUERTO RICO.

1. FOLLOWING BLASINI-WEINTRAUB AND GONZALEZ-PASTORINO
TELECONS OF LAST WEEK, EMBASSY PROCEEDING AS FOLLOWS:

A) FOUR HUNDRED BROCHURES BEING PRINTED WITHIN AGREED BUDGET
OF 350-400 DOLLARS. (REF A) B) WRITTEN CONFIRMATION BEING
PROVIDED TO HOTEL TEQUENDAMA FOR USE OF PRESIDENTIAL SUITE,
MISSION MEMBER ROOMS, RECEPTION SERVICE, AND APPOINTMENTS
REFRESHMENT SERVICE (REFS B & C) C) ACCOUNT WILL BE OPENED
AT COMMISSARY FOR PURCHASE OF RECEPTION BEVERAGES. (REF B)
D. INVITATIONS BEING PRINTED FOR RECEPTION MONDAY EVENING (REF A).
E. BREAKFAST BRIEFING BEING ARRANGED FOR MONDAY, NOV 21,
AT 7:30, WITH MISSION OR MEMBERS PAYING FOR FIVE
BRIEFERS. F) PRESS CONFERENCE BEING SET FOR 11 AM TO NOON,
MONDAY, NOV. 21. G) USIS BEING INSTRUCTED TO HAVE GONZALEZ
AUDIO AND VISUAL TAPES BROADCAST WEEK OF NOVEMBER 14.

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2. FURTHER INFORMATION NEEDED:

CONFIRMATION OF ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE TIMES AND FLIGHT NUMBERS.

3. PLEASE ENSURE THAT MISSION LEADER PREPARED TO SETTLE
ALL OUTSTANDING FINANCIAL ACCOUNTS BEFORE TERMINATION
OF MISSION (REF: A) A) PRESIDENTIAL SUITE; B) RECEPTION

AND APPOINTMENTS REFRESHMENTS; C) PRINTING AND DELIVERY OF BROCHURES AND INVITATIONS; D) RECEPTION BEVERAGES; E) SECRETARIAL EXPENSES; F) MISCELLANEOUS, INCLUDING FSL OVERTIME.

4. MISSION MEMBER OVIDIO TORRES SHOULD CLARIFY TYPE OF EQUIPMENT MANUFACTURED BY HIS COMPANY SINCE SPORT SHOES ARE LOCALLY MANUFACTURED THUS FACING STIFF COMPETITION, VERY HIGH IMPORT DUTIES (85 PER CENT OF THE CIF VALUE) PLUS STRONG POSSIBILITY OF NOT OBTAINING IMPORT LICENSES FROM THE COLOMAIN IMPORT AUTHORITIES.

5. IN RESPONSE TO YOUR TELEX OF 1. NOVEMBER (NOS (305/13.16 AND 305/15/04): A) APPOINTMENTS REQUESTED WILL BE ATTEMPTED TO THE BEST OF OUR ABILITY. B) RESERVATIONS BEING MADE IN BOGOTA SAT. NOV. 19 THROUGH WED NOV. 23 FOR 14 PERSONS (10 BUSINESSMEN, 2 GOVT OFFICIALS, 2 BANKERS). WHY DID YOU REQUEST 16? C) YOUR LIST OF RECONFIRMATIONS DID NOT INCLUDE EVENING COCKTAIL RECEPTION MON NOV 21 IN TEQUENDAMA, AND BREAKFAST BRIEFING FOR MISSION MEMBERS SAME DAY, EXPENSES FOR BOTH TO BE BORNE BY MISSION AND/OR MEMBERS. WE ASSUME OVERSIGHT, AS GONZALEZ CONFIRMED DURING OCTOBER VISIT, AND WE HAVE SINCE RECONFIRMED WITH TEQUENDAMA. PLEASE ADVISE. D) FOR FUTURE MATTERS CONCERNING ECUADOR, PLEASE TELEX DIRECTLY TO AMEMBASSY QUITO AND/OR AMCONSUL GUAYAQUIL. BOGOTA NOW REPEATING YOUR REQUEST FOR ECUADOR: 1) UNCLASSIFIED

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16 SINGLE ROOMS, GUAYAQUIL, HOTEL CONTINENTAL; 2) COCKTAIL PARTY IN GUAYAQUIL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, GONZALEZ TO PAY COSTS ON ARRIVAL; 3) 8 DOUBLE ROOMS, QUITO, INCA IMPERIAL HOTEL; 4) COCKTAIL PARTY IN U.S. EMBASSY QUITO, GONZALEZ TO PAY COSTS TO RECEPTION, INVITATIONS AND BROCHURES ON ARRIVAL.

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